

2352 Carol Avenue  
Mountain View, CA 94040  
January 23, 2006

Paul A. Marshall  
California Department of Water Resources  
South Delta Branch  
1416 9th Street, 2nd floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**JAN 30 2006**

**094**

Dear Mr. Marshall,

I am writing to offer comments on the draft environmental impact report/statement for the South Delta Improvements Program, particularly regarding the part of the project that would increase the maximum pumping limit for the state water project's Delta pumps. I strongly believe that this project is unnecessary and could further damage a Bay-Delta ecosystem that has already been harmed by excessive water diversions.

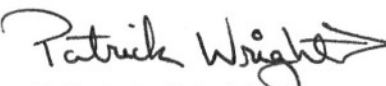
I urge you to withdraw the draft environmental impact report and issue a new draft with a preferred alternative that includes a significant reduction in Delta water diversions. The analysis of this alternative should include how water conservation and other proven water management tools can help the state meet its future water needs, and how such a reduction, combined with investments in other water supply sources, could improve the reliability of urban water supplies.

I also urge you to include, in the new preferred alternative, at least as much water dedicated to ecosystem restoration and protection as is required by the state's plan to protect and restore the delta -- the CALFED Bay-Delta Plan.

Please consider issuing a new draft for the South Delta. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Cynthia Wright

  
Patrick Wright